



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Singer et al.
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For: ILLUMINATION SYSTEM WITH RASTER ELEMENTS OF DIFFERENT SIZES
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants received an office action dated October 29, 2007 (hereinafter "the Office Action"), for the present application. The Office Action indicates that several claims, including claims 14, 15, 16, 20 and 24, are allowed, and includes a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants wish to comment on the statement of reasons for allowance.

With regard to claim 14, the Office Action states that the prior art fails to disclose a first optical element, which is divided into first raster elements, and wherein at least two of the first raster elements have aspect ratios of different magnitude. Applicants believe it would be more accurate to state that prior art fails to disclose a first optical element, which is divided into first raster elements, wherein at least two of the first raster elements have aspect ratios of different magnitude, wherein the first raster elements are

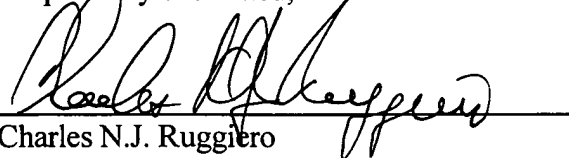
arranged on a support structure in a plurality of rows, and wherein at least one of the plurality of rows includes at least two of the first raster elements, in combination with one another, as recited in claim 14.

With regard to claim 15, and to claim 16, which depends from claim 15, the Office Action states that the prior art fails to disclose a first optical element, which is divided into first raster elements, wherein at least two of the first raster elements have aspect ratios of different magnitude. Applicants believe it would be more accurate to state that prior art fails to disclose a first optical element, which is divided into first raster elements, wherein at least two of the first raster elements have aspect ratios of different magnitude, wherein the first raster elements are arranged on a support structure in a plurality of rows, and wherein at least one of the plurality of rows includes at least two of the first raster elements, in combination with one another, as recited in claim 15.

With regard to claim 20, and to claim 24, which depends from claim 20, the Office Action states that the prior art fails to disclose an optical element having a plurality of raster elements, wherein the plurality of raster elements includes a first raster element having a first aspect ratio and a second raster element having a second aspect ratio, and wherein the first aspect ratio is not equal to the second aspect ratio. Applicants believe it would be more accurate to state that the prior art fails to disclose an optical element having a plurality of raster elements arranged in a plurality of rows on a support structure, wherein at least one of the plurality of rows includes at least two of the plurality of raster elements, wherein the plurality of raster elements includes a first raster element having a first aspect ratio and a second raster element having a second aspect ratio, and wherein the first aspect ratio is not equal to the second aspect ratio, in combination with one another, as recited in claim 20.

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Respectfully submitted,


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